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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 1-25 are in the present application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 17 and 20 contain patentable subject matter. However, claims 1-16, 18, 19, and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voeten (EP 0625858 A1) in view of the Examiner's Official Notice.

The Examiner conceded in the Final Office Action on page 3 that Voeten fails to disclose the claimed limitation of "wherein at least one storage medium unit includes a controller selecting the play mode of the selected information data stored in a respective storage medium unit in accordance with distribution control data," as recited in claim 1. The Examiner further conceded that Voeten fails to disclose limitations recited in claims 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 25. See pages 7-11 of the Final Office Action. To cure the defects in Voeten, the Examiner did not rely on any other reference but stated generally that Office Notice was taken.

Section 2144.03 of the MPEP states:

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